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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

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For: WIRE-COIL PACKAGING DRUM WITH IMPROVED BOTTOM  
ASSEMBLY

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENTAssistant Commissioner for Patents  
Box PCT  
Washington, D.C. 20231Attention: DO/US

Sir:

Prior to examination, and prior to calculation of fees, please amend the  
above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claim 21 as follows:

AI 21. A bottom assembly according to Claim 16, wherein said anchoring  
member is a unitary molded plastic member.

A marked up version of this amended claim, as required by 37 C.F.R. §  
1.121(c)(1)(ii), is appended hereto.

Please cancel claims 22 and 23 without prejudice or disclaimer.

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